

**ABSTRACT****PROPAGATION OF VIRUSES THROUGH AN INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY NETWORK**

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Requests to send data from a first host within a network of hosts are monitored against  
a record of destination hosts who have been sent data in accordance with a  
10 predetermined policy. Destination host identities not the record are stored in a buffer.  
The buffer size is monitored to establish whether requests from the first host are  
pursuant to viral activity therein.

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